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From the Churchman. Autumnal Clouds. BY M. MCHARY.

O God! thou mad'st the earth in love The veriest child may know, For grandeur's seat is through above, And loveliness below.

Can mortal gaze upon the clouds, Or e'en the liltes fair, Nor marvel that such brightness shrouds A world so full of care?

Go man, in autumn, and take note, And feast thy wandering eyes On glory laden shades that float Like navies in the skies.

There's saffron, rose and violet, And molten , old and ruby-jet is Beauty's wealth unspent. Rich, ever-changing hues, how each Seems fairer than the last! And all a slient le-son seach, And point as to the past, With liquid sliver blent.

I've marked their exit oft, in pain, As darkness closed around, Of my poor heart have found:

And joy oft in that pain had birth, Which e'en to rapture grew; As God's own torches o'er the earth

Youth's second name is Ardent Hope, And O, how many forms, When free-winged Fancy hath full scope, Her wand to being warms!

Ay, forms of friendship, truth, and love, As fair as a: gele droam, And, changeful as the cloud above, How beautiful they seem ?-

And dear as life and being are, To each in turn we've bowed; Alas, that after-years of c re Should all in dar ness shoud!

O Father ! when life's latest gloom Shall come with tey chill, Grant we may spy, beyond the tomb,

Itliscellaucous.

For Young Men to Think of.

In the latest of his preachings upon "Popular Proverbs," Dr. Holland closes a thoughtful and suggestive discourse on seasunl pleasure, with the following earnest remarks to young men, which deserve to be thought of :

swamp of sensuality, rank with weeds and dark with deadly vapors-full of vipers, thick with pitfalls, and lurid with deceptive lights-and stand upon the secure heights of winds of heaven breathe blandly and healthfully, how would human tire becomes blessed and beauti ul! The great barden of the world rolled off, how would it spring forward into a grand career of prosperity and progress! This change, for this country, rests almost entirely upon the young men of the country. It lies with them more than any other class, and more than all other classes, to say whether this country shall descend still lower in its paths to brutality, or rise higher than the standard of its loftiest dreums. The devotees of sense, themselves, have greatly lost their power for good, and comparatively tew will change their course of life. Woman will be pure if men will be true. Young men! this great result abides with you! If you could but see how beautiful a flower grows upon the thorny stalk of self denial, you would give the plant the honor it deserves. If it seem hard and homely, despise it not; for in it sleeps the beauty of heaven and the boats. breath of angels. If you do not witness the glory of its blessomings during the day of life, its petals will open when the night of den h comes, and gladden your closing eyes with their murvelous leveliness, and fill your soul with their grateful perfume."

Unpleasant People.

There is a class of unpleasant people often met with in the world, whose Supleasantness is difficult to assign the cause for. often told you so. They cannot imagine their hands imploring for help. that the poor unfortunate man is not in a state just then to hear all this wisdom. In had supernaturally large feet, with which er people's toes in all directions .- Beecher.

The Boston Courter says the original of the witty epigram on Wall street appear ed in London prints many years ago. It ran thus :

At the top of the street the lawrers you great. At the bottom the barges you're certain to meet

For there's CRAFT in the river and CRAFT in the street To which some witty punster rejoined : Why should honesty fly to some safe retrust, When the lawyers are Just at the top of the street

And the barges are year at the bottom? Creditors and poor relations never sall at the right moment.

The Burning Ship.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "CRUISING IN THE LAST WAR,"

My friend Harry is the happiest of men. He has the eweetest and most rementic cottage in the vicinity of Philadelphia. It is but nine miles from the city, and near a fine old turnpike, so that a span of blooded horses will take you there in forty minutes .-His wife is a pretty angel-beautiful, sweet tempered, and loves Harry devotedly. And then a group of his lovely children !

"Did you ever hear how Isabel and I be came acquainted ?" said he to me one eve ning, looking on his wife. I shook my head in the negative. "Well, then, draw your chair closer to the fire, and I will tell you." With these words he began :

It was a night in the tropics. We had been in pursuit of a heavy merchantman, but a log coming up she was shut in from our invisible. Suddenly, however, the moon hauled, and on the very point of escaping us. Irance. We instantly made all sail, but the wind was so uncertain that the stranger kept his adwith us, while he had a respectable breeze. At length it fell a dead calm, the chase be ing by this time several miles off.

She could now be seen lying in a liquid flood of moonlight, rising and falling lazily upon her swells, her white sails scarcely moving from the mast, and flashing in the distance like a sea-gull's snowy wing. All at once Captain Drew, who had been scrutinizing her through his glass, exclaimed :

"There is something the matter on board -and even those slott repairing are coming down-what can it mean, Mr Jones !"

"I can't make out, sir-the crew, perhaps. have mutinied; they are running, wildly. hither and thither-no, my God, the ship's on fire !" he rjuculated, as a cloud of thick, black smake suddenly puffed up her tore hatchway, tollowed by a long, vivid atream swer them. of fire, that shot up brighter into the mid-

was a breeze ; but the undulations of the at. hope of escape from the cabin be cut off. mosphere swept the dense smoke to one side, Had it been only my own life that was envirtue, where God's san shines, and the lief. Every object on board could now be bered that a dezen gallant fellows from my

with a sympathy equal to his own.

tinued, in a whisper, "mind the magezine ?" held a sight I never shall forget. give way with a will, boys-pull!"

the yards, everything was sheeted with fire. which, whirling round and round, ascended spirally to the mast head, shooting its forky tongue out on every hand, and streaming ivory skin. They are not necessarily unkind persons; like a meteor away up, in the calm blue sky they are not ungenerous; and they do not Meanwhile the fismes had broken out from appear to talk or act from any malice. But the after hatch, and catching at once to the somehow or other they are mostly unfortu rathins, leaned from rope to rope, ran wildle nate in what they say. They ask the wrong up the rigging, spread almost instantly to the thing, or they omit to ask the right. They huge lower sails, hissing, fisshing and roar bring forward the disagreeable reminiscence, ing as they went, until at length the whole the ludicrous anecdote about you which you ship seemed a mass of lurid fire, and nothing would rather not hear repeated in a large was left untouched but the narrow quarter company, the painful circumstance which deck, on which the now despairing crew had you wish was well buried and out of sight. gathered in crowds, some eagerly endeavor If you have any misfortune they rush to ing to lower the only boat that had escape prove to you that your own folly was the the flames, some frantically crying out tocause. If you are betrayed, they knew it mercy, some cursing and blaspheming aw would be so, and remember that they have july in their agony, and some stretching out

"Give way, my men, give way-will you see those miserable wretches burned before fact to use a metaphor, it seems as if they your eyes ?" I shouted, rising in the boat and waving my hat to the sufferers; forgetting they go stamping about and reading on oth- in the excitement of the moment the imminency of our own danger in case of an explosion. The poor wretches on the quarter deck of the burning ship answered back with raise in his enteebled arms the seemingly a hysteric shout. Our gallant tars started liteless form of his daughter. like mettled hounds at the cry, and with a few vigorous strokes we dashed up to the from calm despair to hope had been too

> "Keep her off there," I shouted, seeing no time to hesitate. Hastily raising the my bride, and often, when I speak of the that she would be swamped by the eagerness beautiful stranger in my arms, I called upon sacrifices she has made in leaving her native of the sufferers to escape ; "keep her off- the old man to follow, dashed into the front land for me, she reminds me with grateful jump overboard and we'll pick you up," I cabin, up the companion way, and to my ut- heart that I saved her life on that eventful continued, as we fell off from her quarter most horror, found the fismes had just cross- night." again; and in less than three minutes the ed the entrance. For a second I paused .- The wife looked up as he spoke, and deck was bare, and our boats full of the res- Death was behind, destruction, perhaps be- sworn bachelor as I am !- I envied Harry

taken retuge in the hold during the late for your lives, my men." chase, had since been forgotten-and not I was obeyed. With one soul they bent eeling warranted in ordering any one on so their brawny arms to the tesk, and while the their stations, mounted her side by a rope man sat beside me in the bewilderment o that hong over her quarter, rapidly traversed gratitude, astonishment, and one half-dissi sight, and for more than an hour remained the deck in the midst of tremendous heat pared right-while the form of his still inand derted down the companion way, leaving enimate child was extended, unaided for the broke forth, and we saw the chase close the flames roaring not five feet from its en-

wrapping the hamper in a sheet of fire, and be esting its way ravenously towards it .- at once. For a moment, as the burning is your time. If you must whip me do it streamed almost perpendicularly upwards of Besides, if I paused a moment longer, the fragments sailed alort, failing on every hand now." fathom or two above the trunk. There fire would reach the companion way, and all about, while the boat rolled to and fro upon He said,

forming as it were, a gloomy curtain against dangered. I would not have hesitated in per- voluntarily . j. culated. which the lurid flames shone in terrible re- iling it to the utmost; but when I rememdistinctly seen, and we noticed that all at crew, as well as a score of others from the once the whole crew rushed aft. A signal rescued sufferers, would be involved in my of distress the next instant was shown on the own fate, I could not doubt as to my duty .quarter. All this had passed in a moment. These reflections, however, had not occupied "Lower away the boots-pipe their crews more than the instant in which I had been there, boatswain! quick, sir, or the poor throwing open successively the doors of the the command of the leading boat; spare no in. Without a moment's delay I rushed to. sion they had as one man paused, a gush of

she beheld a stranger; and half starting to uttered her thanks. ner feet, she essayed a moment to speak, almost wildly upon me.

"For God's sake fly !" I cried, "the ship caped !" is on fire in every part-we can barely es. Heaven's sake, come !"

in a voice of agony, vainly endeavoring to you-you appeared."

I looked into her face. The transition the coming thanks. great, and she had indeed fainted. It was ing to his wife with a smile, "Isabel is now fore. Laying my hand on the old man's the tender gaze of those confiding eyes.

"Mr. Danforth," at this moment shouted shoulder, I urged him shead, burriedly threw ack, from the other boat shead; "there's a the shawl of the fair girl around her face lady and her father, they say, here-still on and form, made a bold, desperate push for board-for Heaven's sake let us try to save life, and in another instant, amid the cheers of my men, had gained the quarter deck.

For one moment, as I remembered my or- The boat shot to the side, and a dozen ders and the extremity of our danger, I paus arms were extended to receive my burden. ed; but when I reflected that, by departing I carefully gave it in charge of the nearest. we should abandon two human beings to a almost slung the old man after, and spring horrid death, I hesitated no longer. Hastily ling with a bound into theastern sheets, wavlearning from the mate of the vessel that ed my arm and shouted, "Shove off-bard for himself : they were their only passengers, and having give way-and if you ever pulled, pull now,

dangerous a journey, I gave the boat in ash almost snapped beneath them, made the charge of Irvine, who had luckily amuggled boat whirl from the quarter, and then sent himself on board, sternly bid one or two of her with the velocity of a sea gull over the my crew, who attempted to tollow, to keep deep. Not a word was spoken. The old moment, by his side. It was, indeed, no time for delay. Every man knew he was The cabin was a large one, and fitted up pulling for life or death. The other bort offer for a representative of the county, and cotwithstanding these precautions, the vision have been subjected to the influence of elwith taste. The decorations were even lux was nearly a mile shead, skimming switly that the first time he saw him, intended to was repeated, with this addition, that he ther winds or tides. The extraordinary vantage, the sir being comparatively still urious, and such as I had at that time rarely along from the deserted ship. Far off on seen in merchantmen. The state-rooms the mountight horizon lay our schooner, with me a little, and I looked around for some semblance to the features of his wife. were of mahogany, inlaid with abony, and all her exquisite tracery reflected in the waves way to pass without coming in contact with In the course of the second day he receive exercise for its preservation, since no vessel finished off with the greatest elegance .- beneath, and seeming, with her thin, taper. this company; but there was no path that I ed a letter from his wife, in which she stated of the Ark's proportions could naturally live Curtains, apparently of damask, hung around, r. king masts, like some zerial vessel floating could see, and the brush was so thick I could that she was quite well and hoped he was in disturbed waters; the very first wave that and the show of silver and cut glass by the half way between sea and sky. Down to not get through. So I summoned all my e joying himself among his friends. As he rose would inevitably break its back and companion way was even brilliant. The the right was the bu ning ship, presenting a courage and rode buildy up and spoke to the was devotedly attached to her, and always rend it entirely saunder; nor with all our cobin was, however, still as death. A lady's vast body of lurid fire, that roared along her men. There were six of them; and as I enxious for her safety, he supposed that his experience in ship building would it be glove lay on an ottoman, and beside it was sides, streamed out her ports, eddled spirally learned but one of them had ever seen me. morbid fears had conjured up the vision he an open book ; but no other traces of human up the masts, and leaged in huge masses S. I said, "Gentlemen, who is it among you had seen reflected in the glass; and went proportions and to navigate it from Dover beings were discernable around. Where straight out into the aky. Now and then, as that is going to whip Cartwright the first about his business as chearfully as usual .could the owner of that small, delicate French her guns became heated, they went off with time you see him !" The man who had On the morning of the third day after he had of the ocean, by raising one end and depressthere, the men have almost all let her deck. glove be ! Was she already a victim to that a roar like thunder. Meantime, the dense threatened spoke out and said : tright ut element ?-had the mate deceived smoke, gathering in a thick cloud above, himself in supposing she had been removed hung like a pall over the consuming ship. from the hold ! Was there no hope, it she For some moments the flames appeared to still lived, of reaching her in time to save die in part away; but all at once a stream of of a man, and it will take a man to whip her from a horrid death ? Ail these ques. intense fire that almost blinded the eyes, him, mind you." tions flashed rapidly across mamind, and my leaped perpendicularly upward from the "Oh, no," said he, "I can whip any Methheart sickened as I owned I could not an- decks; the hor zon for miles around was it- dist preacher the Lord ever made." luminated with a light more vivid than that "Well, sir," said I, "you cannot do it; and The danger, meanwhile, grew more and of the brightest mon day; a part of the fore- now I tell you my name is Cartwright and could see through the ground the entire form the waves, or rolled at all from side to side more imminent. I was standing, as it were, must, litted bodily out, shot like an arrow I never like to live in dread; if you really of his wife as she lay in her coffin. above a mine that had been sprung, for almost a cable length on high; a concussion intend to whip me, come and do it now." been raying some time in the hold, and that should the flames reach the magazine inevi. enemed that made the boat shiver like a reed. He looked a little con used, and said, "Oh. they had attained an intensity which would table destruction must issue. Nor could hand rock a moment frightfully about; and you can't fool me that way; you are not dety every effort to subdue them. It was a that extastrophe be much longer postponed, then a sunning roar followed, shaking the Cartwright." fearful sight. The eager element shot clong The devouring element had already gained fi mament to its centre, and sounding as if "Well," said I, "that is my name, and

"The Lord have morey on us all !"

served. The offing we had gained, though not sufficient to ensure safety, proved great enough to relieve us from inevitable destruc- threatened, or quit cursing me, or I will put tion. Had any of the falling timbers, how you in the river, and baptise you in the name a heavy heart I was about to mount the down together. As it was, it was one of the The men burried to their stations, fired companion way, when I noticed that a narrowest escapes I ever had made, and when the election came off he went to the massive curtain at the further end seemed to when I gave the command to the crew to polis and voted for me, and ever atterwards "Mr. Danforth," he said, "I shall give you divide off a smaller cabin a t of the one I was give way again-tor at that terrible explo effort to reach them in time-bu," he con- wards it, hastily litted it aside, and there be- thank ulness and devotion went up from my heart to the great Author of my being, who

"Ay, sy, sir," I answered, touching my This after cabin was much smaller, but had thus a second time preserved my life. hat, and leaping into the stern sheets. I far more luxurious than the other. It was The deafening uprour, however, recalled continued, "push off there forward-and now adorned with everything that taste could the sense of the fair girl at my side. But I suggest or wealth afford. Ottomans ran will not describe her gratitude and that of At these words the men bent to their ours completely around it, forming a kind of di- her parent, to myself, whom they persisted with the thews of giants, curling the waters van. At one side was a horp, and beside it in considering the preserver of their lives. in foam beneath our bows and sending the some music was scattered on the floor. But Suffice it to say we were soon on board; the boots along as if they had been pleasure after the first hasty survey, I saw nothing Captain deliberately resigned his own cabin but a group of two beings before me. One to the strangers, and then I had leisure to But swift as was our progress, that of the of them was a gray-haired man, apparently learn some particulars concerning their his destroying element was still more so. The about sixty five, dressed in the gentlemanty tory. They were easily told. Mr. Thorn fire had spread with such fearful rapidity as costume of a former day. He was bending ton, the father of Isabel, was a wealthy E at to wrap the whole fore part of the ship in wildly over the almost inanimate form of a Indiaman, and was just returning from Great fiames, and threatened to consume her be fair girl, reclining on the cushions. Never Britain with his daughter, who had been fore we could arrive. Since it had found had I seen a being who look d more beauti- there for several years obtaining her educavent, it had raged with redoubled tury, until tul than that pale, half-fainting creature tion. Before the L tter of Marque sailed now the shrouds, the foremist, the bowsprit, seemed at that moment. One arm was sup she had been fitted up by Mr. Thornton in a ported on the divan, and the other was thrown style bordering on eastern luxury, with for around her tather's neck, the blue veins just | niture intended principally for his mansion discernable as they stole along beneath the house at Jamsica. But at this moment a message arrived, soliciting my presence with Her head rested on the bosom of her pa Mr. Thornton. As I entered the cabin, he rent, and the hair, loose and unbound, stream | trankly extended his hand, and presented ed in dark, glossy ringlets over her snowy me to his own plushing daughter-for what shoulders. At the noise made by my entrance woman, be she who she may, can stand unhe started, raised her head, and I could see embarrassed in the presence of one to whom through the tears that glistened on her lash she owes her live! I have had many mos, one of the sweetest hazel eyes I have ments of pleasure, but I never telt as I then ver looked upon. A quick flush shot over telt, when Isabel Thornton, extending her per face, crimsoning it like a rose leaf as delicate hand to me with her sweet smile,

"But how," said I, to change the subject, nd then stood with fall opened lips, gazing "did it happen, my dear Miss Thornton, that you were in the cabin when the rest had ea-

"In the general alarm we were forgotten cape by the companion way-in another in- for we had been hurried to the hold during stant she will blow up-why hesitate ? For the conflict, and when the fire broke our were overlooked. We found our way back. "Oh! sir, God bless you for this kindness but only when the whole ship was in flames. -there is then hope f' exclaimed the old We had just reached the cabin through a man-"but Isabel has fainted," he continu. torward door below, and believing the ship ed. "Go, fly, I will die with her," he said destroyed, had despaired of all escape, when

> "I had forgot till this moment that we were foes," said I gaily, determined to avoid

"But toes or not," continued Harry, turn

Rev. Peter Can right.

We find the lowing story of the veteran Cartwright in the alladelphia Bull tin .-Peter has often contested Sangamon county his family was enjoying good health, and with Lincole, -once as a candidate for Con. he anticipated a pleasant journey. The sec gress. About the year 1826 he was elected and morning after his arrival in Boston, when to the legislature of Illinois, and he gives a number of illustrations of his difficulties in political life. This is one. Let him speak

The first time I ran for office in Sange. and tried to recognize the features of the mon county, I was on the north side of the corpse, but in vain ; he could not even move Sangamon river, as we say in the east, elec his eyelids; he felt deprived of action, for with the people, for I was at that early day startled by the ringing of the bell for breakturse to listen. I heard some one say that for but only saw the bed truly reflected .- outward appearance wholly at the mercy of Peter Cartwright was a d-d rascal; and so During the day he thought much upon the the winds and waves, lible to be drifted were all Methodist preachers; they would illusion, and determined next morning to rub or driven about according as currents or country that such a man as Cartwright should wide-awake before he left his bed. But, shall show the Ark could not for a moment whip him for impudence. This surprised thought he recognized in the corpse some re. length of the Ark proves at once, the mirec-

"I am the lark that's going to thrash him

Said I. "Cartwright is known to be much

the rigging, ran swittly up the toremest, and possession of all around, and even now might a thousand broadsides had been discharged am a candidate for the legislature, and now

mementary expectation of death, and I in- you only want to fool me." By this time we had moved slowly to the

boat, and when we got on it he broke out in hand. "Amen!" said the rescued tather at my a fresh volley of curses on Cartwright. I said to a gentleman on the boat.

"Here, hold my horse," and stepping to the cursing disciple, I said sternly to him :

This settled him; and strange to say, was my warm and constant friend.

Peace Principles.

A certain regiment was once ordered to march into a small Tyrolese town and take it. It chanced that the place was settled by a may not be amiss to state that his father. colory who believed in the Gospel of Christ and proved their taith by their works. A courier from a neighboring village informed them that troops were advancing to take the town. They quietly answered, "if they will take it they must. ' Soldiers soon came riding in with colors flying, and pipes afaking shrill defiance. They looked round for an enemy, and saw the farmer at his plow, the bl cksmith at his anvil, and the women at their churns and spinning wheels Babies and boys crowded around to hear the mu-ic and see the pretty trainers, with feathers and bright buttons. Of course, none of these were in a proper position to be shot at.

"Where are your soldiers I" they asked. "We have none," was the reply.

"But we have come to take the town." "Well, friends, it lies before you." "But is there nobody here to fight ?"

"No: we are all Christians." Here was an emergency altogether unprovided for, in military schools. This was a sort of resistance which no bullet could hit: a fortress periectly bomb-proof.

"If there is nobody to fight with, o course we cannot fight," said the commander, "it is impossible to take such a town as

So he ordered the horses' heads to b turned about, and they carried the human animals out of the village as guiltless as when they entered, and perhaps somewhat

Or A gentleman paying his addresses to young lady, the daughter of a wealthy planter, and of course entitled to the honor of being very accomplished, inquired of her if she was not lonesome, there being no society in the neighborhood, and how she spent her time. She replied she was not lonesome; that she amused herself in reading and writing. He asked her whether she was most fond of writing prose or poetry. "Nary one," says she, "I writes small hand."

We have all heard of asking fo bread and receiving a stone; but a young gentleman may be considered as still worse treated, when he asks for a young lady's hand and gets her father's foot.

The winds are responsible for many

Chost Story, or "Second Sight."

Hector McDonald, of Canada, was re on a visit to Boston. When he left leaving his bed to dress for breakfast, he saw reflected in a mirror the corpse of a woman lying in the bed from which he had just risen Spell-bound, he gozed with intense feeling oneering, or rather trying to get acquainted how long he knew not. He was at last great stranger to them. Passing through fast, and sprang to the bed to satisfy himself bushy point of undergrowth, near a ferry it what he had seen reflected in the mirror pacity. It was devoid of all sailing properwhere I intended to cross the river, I heard was real or an illusion. He found the bed ties; had neither rigging nor rudder; its ome one talking very loud. I reined my as he had left it; he looked again in the mir. build was simply that of a huge first, to all ten! horses, and that it was a scandal to the his eyes and feel perfectly sure that he was winds for the time prevailed; but as we

dressed, he found himself in thought in his ing the other would break it in the middle own home, leaning over the coffin of his wife His friends were assembled, the minister was performing the funeral services, his tion prevent this consequence. And if the children wept-he was in the house of death He followed the corpse to the grave; he heard the earth rumble upon the coffin, he purpose for which it was built would have saw the grave filled, and the green sods cov. proved that such was the fact, for had the ered over it ; yet, by some strange power he Ark pitched in the least from the swell of

him, but no one seemed to notice him; he distressingly have done, the whole world of tried to weep, but the tears refused to flow; animals therein contained could not have his very heart felt as hard as a rock. En- kept footing ; of every necessity therefore a raged at his own want of feeling, he deter. dead calm must have prevailed around the mined to throw himself upon the grave and Ark during the whole of the one hundred he there till his heart should break, when he and fitty days that it was floating on the wawas recalled to consciousness by a friend ters." who entered the room to inform him that O this the New York Courier and Ene "No, no, you are not Cartwright at all: breakfast was ready. He started as if swoke quirer remarks :

passed upon a farm, and among forests. It roughest weather. who was a Scotch Highlander had the girt of lished by a series of experiments on the

How to Seit Unsaleable Novels.

Here is the latest Paris advertising dodge which I give for the benefit of authors back, it would have taken a mirrole to have whose works persist in remaining upon the broken its back, constructed as it was .publishers' shelves.

ter upon the tollowing model :-

· Sir-You are warned to make no further attempts upon the virtue of a certain lady, cred records need no eking out by man's inwhom you pretend to love, and whose bape genuity; it is best left to its own simple tismal name resembles that of the heroine statement." of - (giving the title of the novel.) To this the Presbylerian Banner perthe exciting romance lately published by tinently adds : - (name of the publisher.) Tragedies even more terrible than that which clos- and neither the opposition of its enemies es the work of fiction in question, sometimes nor the misinterpretations of its friends can occur in real life. Be on your guard !"

You leave your letter without signature, fore men will seace to fly to the aid of the have it nestly lithographed and printed to Divine record where no such sid is required \$ bok as it every sheet were written by hand. You then send to all the gentleman whose addresses you find in the directories, and patiently await the result. Nine in ten of the persons to whom you have forwarded this adroit circular, will say to themselves-"I in tove with a lady of the same name as the heroine of the 'Mysterious Soap Boiler ?'--What the deuce can her name be ?"

And off he goes, to purchase your "delightful romance" -- which of course is all

The Aurora Borealis, that paradox of een fully explained and accounted for. A scientific writer thus clears up the hitherto phenomenon, quite to the satisfaction of every logical mind :

"When the melofygistic temperature of our horizontal is such as to enlorocise the impurient indentation of the hemispheric analogy, the borez curbistus becomes surcharged with infinitessimals, which are been guilty of the fault alleged; but if the thereby derived of their fissure! disquisitions. writer would step round to the vestry door This effects a rapid charge-produced in the thorambumpter of the gyasticutie palerium, have no objection to try to ride him home, which cause a convulcular in the hexagonal after his Master's example, on the back of antipodies of the terrestrium acque verusli. an ass. The clouds then becomes a mass of deoporumised specules of cormocular light which can only be seen when it is visible."

Noah's Ark and the "Great East-

An elaborate article on the Delage appeared in the Church of England Quarterly. some thirteen years ago, which was afterwards republished in this country in Littell's Living Age, and attracted considerable notice. In that article the following paragraph on the Ark is found :

"Now as it is clearly impossible that a vessel of the length and breadth of the Ark could be otherwise than a flusting ves-el. designed entirely for perfectly still waters. we have supposed it to be flat bottomed and streight-sided ; both as making it more buoyant and as giving to it the greatest caulous power that was, at every moment, in possible to construct a vessel of the Ark's to Calais in rough weather-the least swell and cause it to founder, nor could any possible contrivance or ingenuity of construcvery peculiar construction of the Ark had not made such a conclusion irresistable, the under the influence of the wind, which from He looked to the faces of those around its great length and little width, it must most

from a profound sleep, though he was stand. "Here, we see, it is said that a vessel as ing before a mirror with a hair brush in his long as the Ark could not po-sibly live on cent in a dead calm-that the least agitation After composing himself he related to his would break its back-and that a continuous riend what he had seen, and both concluded miracle was necessary to avert such a cathat a good breaklast only was wanting to tastrophe. Yet here is the Great Eastern, dissipate his unpleasant impressions. A few one hundred and thirty three fe t longer. "Now, sir, you have to whip me as you days afterward, however, he received the about to navigate not from Daver to Calais," melancholy intelligence that his wife had but from England to America, and afterdied suddenly, and the time corresponded wards to go half round the world, making wretches will be lost !" thundered the cap state rooms. Also ! all were empty. With ever, struck us, we should all have gone of the devil, for surely you belong to him." with the day he had been startled by the first sport of all the winds and waves. It is vision in the mirror. When he returned said, too, that the 'great length and little home he described minutely all the details of width' of the Ark would have caused such a the tuneral he had seen in his vision, and pitching and rolling that the animals inside they corresponded with the facts. This is could not have kept their tooting. Yet here probably one of the most wivid instances or is a ship a great deal longer and m terially clairvoyance on record. Mr. McDonald narrower that will, if what they promise of it knows nothing of modern spiritualism or is true, maintain a condition of almost perclairvoyance, as most of his life has been fect equilibrium and repose even in the

> The late Dr. Scorsby conclusively estab-"second sight."- Boston Traveler, 10th inst. | waves of the Atlantic, that a vessel of some six hundred seet in length could never tall into the trough of the sea as one wave would counteract the effect of another .-Thus instead of a miracle to save the Ark's The English Churchman is not the first man The unappreciated novelist writes a let- who has been superserviceable in clearing up Scripture difficulties which had no existence but in his own imagination. The da-

The science of the Scriptures is all right, affect its truth. How long must it be be-

Reverend 160 wanted still.

Many amusing anecdotes of the eccentric. but pious and useful Rowland Hill, have been told; but the following is new to us:

It was Mr. Hill's habit to ride to church in an old family carriage; a practice too aristo cratic, in the judgment of one of his flock, who determined to rebuke it. It was tustomary in his chapel for notes to be sent to the pulpit, requesting prayers for various objecta. One sabbath, Mr. Hill was proceeding with the reading of these requests as the philosopher and astronomer, has at last usual, when he found himself in the midst of one of the following purport :

"Prayers are requested for Ray. Mr. Hill, that he may be made more humble and like his Divine Master, who, instead of riding in a carriage, was content to be borne on an ass." Having read this notice, he lifted his spacetacles to his forehead, and looking around the house, observed that it was true he had

after service, saddled and bridled, he would

There is but one way to deal with a